

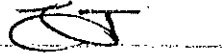
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF WAKE

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
WAKE COUNTY, C.S.C. SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

BY



IN RE: SEARCH WARRANT ISSUED IN

CONNECTION WITH THE INVESTIGATION

MOTION

SBI CASE: 2018-00619

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Now comes the State of North Carolina by and through District Attorney N. Lorrin Freeman for an order sealing the search warrant, the application of the search warrant and the inventory of the items seized pursuant to the search warrant by the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) regarding an investigation. The state shows the following:

- (1) The SBI initiated a criminal investigation on February 28, 2018 concerning allegations of possible absentee ballot fraud in Bladen County, North Carolina.
- (2) That the investigation is ongoing and was requested by the Wake County District Attorney's Office.
- (3) That a Criminal Specialist of the SBI applied for a search warrant to receive financial records held by the State Employees' Credit Union on December 5, 2018.
- (4) That such search warrant was executed on December 5, 2018.
- (5) That this search warrant, including the inventory, and the return thereof, have not been filed heretofore with the Wake County Clerk of Court.
- (6) That the affidavit attached to this search warrant includes information and the name of the person that is still under investigation.
- (7) That to disclose the identity of the person might hamper or impede this investigation and/or may materially prejudice further adjudicable procedures involving this investigation and any subsequent prosecution and will jeopardize the right of the state to prosecute a defendant or the right of the defendant to receive a fair trial or will undermine an ongoing investigation.

WHEREFORE, the State moves the Court seal the search warrant, the application of the search warrant and the inventory of the items seized by the SBI.

This the 5th day of December 2018.



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District Attorney N. Lorrin Freeman

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ORDER


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THIS CAUSE HAVING COME ON TO BE HEARD before the Judge presiding and it appearing to the court:

- (1) That a search warrant was issued on December 5, 2018, pursuant to a North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) investigation of allegations of possible North Carolina election law violations.
- (2) That the success of this investigation by the SBI may be hindered by the publishing, at this time, of the contents of the application and warrant, and return thereof, this Motion and Order in the several manners described in the States Motion to Seal.
- (3) That the information in the search warrant and return includes sensitive information which is the subject of an on-going investigation.
- (4) That the interest of justice will best be served by temporarily maintaining the secrecy of said warrant, return, and Motion and Order.
- (5) That the State Employees' Credit Union will be provided with a copy of the Search Warrant in order to comply with the Search Warrant's Order, AND the State Employees' Credit Union is ORDERED not to disclose the contents of the Search Warrant to anyone, other than as necessary to comply with this Search Warrant and Order.
- (6) That to publicly disclose the basis for the search warrant, or the inventory of those matters recovered from this location might hamper or impede this investigation and/or may materially prejudice further adjudicable procedures involving this investigation and any subsequent prosecution and will jeopardize the right of the state to prosecute a defendant or the right of the defendant to receive a fair trial or will undermine an ongoing investigation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the application and search warrant issued on the above referenced date and the return therefore, and this Motion, be sealed by the Court and the contents thereof not released for a period of 30 days, with leave to request an additional period upon showing good cause.

This the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018.



Superior Court Judge